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1. The Magyarovar barracks installation, located on the south side of the road to Level (P 48/Y 06), east of the junction of the road to Mosonszolnok (P 48/Y 06), was occupied by a motorized infantry battalion. Units of 60 to 80 troops were frequently observed marching out of the installation. The troops were armed with submachine guns, rifles and light machine guns. The submachine guns had drum magazines, the light machine guns were air-cooled. The unit was equipped with Hungarian Raba trucks.
2. The construction of an extensive engineer troop training grounds, at Magyarovar, on the western bank of the Little Danube, north of the mouth of the Leitha River, was started in the fall of 1949. In early September 1950, the terrain was occupied by Hungarian troops who were equipped with motor vehicles mounting a great many pontoons.
3. A border guard headquarters was also located in Magyarovar. Its pinpoint location could not be specified. Border guard troops from the post were sent to the Yugoslav border in May 1950. They returned in late September 1950 and were given a festive welcome (sic). *
4. On 29 September 1950, 120 members of the 1929 and 1930 classes were registered for the draft in Szecheny Hall. The registration staff consisted of one captain (Med), two civilian physicians, one junior lieutenant and one party representative. Except for two persons, all draftees were classified as fit for military service. Most of the draftees were assigned to artillery units in Piliscsaba (Q 48/H 34) and some to infantry units in Nagykanizsa (Y 4/A 26), tank units in Esztergom (Q 48/Z 27), air force units in Győr (P 48/Y 44) and to paratroops at an undetermined post. The date of induction was not known. It was rumored that the draftees would be inducted on 13 October 1950. **

* Comment. To date, only two border guard companies have been known to be stationed in Magyarovar. The one company was said to belong to the 5th Border Guard Bn, the other to the 6th Border Guard Bn. _____

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** Comment. Members of the 1929 and 1930 classes were previously reported to have been registered and inducted.

Hence, the induction of members of those classes can be considered as confirmed.

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